

FOR U. S. SENATOR

Those who know Walter S. Dickey know that he is, first of all, a patriot and after that a Republican whose devotion to his party is based on his conviction that it stands for what is best in Nation and State and who is therefore incapable of being swerved from party loyalty by any consideration of merely personal ambition or aggrandizement, either for himself or anybody else. That's the sort of Republican Walter S. Dickey has always been. He gave the party more than thirty years of unselfish and forceful service before he became a candidate for favors at its hands. Mr. Dickey is a candidate for the nomination for United States Senator because assurances have come to him from all parts of the state that his nomination will strengthen the ticket and help to guarantee its victory. He considers that no man ought to be nominated for any office unless he is the strongest man that can be chosen for that place, because he regards Republican victory this year of more importance than any man's personal ambition.

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Political Announcements

THE BLADE is authorized to announce THOS. J. AKINS, of St. Louis, a candidate for the office of United States senator, subject to the approval of the republican voters at the August primary.

THE BLADE is authorized to announce CHARLES K. HART a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Linn county subject to the approval of the republican voters at the August primary.

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THE BLADE is authorized to announce FLO CARR a candidate for treasurer of Linn county subject to the approval of the republican voters at the August primary.

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Roosevelt's Tribute to Hughes

In his letter to the progressive national committee which met in Chicago last Monday Colonel Theodore Roosevelt said that patriotic demand forced him to decline the nomination given him to head the third party ticket and gave an unqualified endorsement to the republican nominees and urged all progressives to come to the support of Justice Hughes. He says there is a patriotic demand for united action to defeat Wilson and pays the following tribute to Charles E. Hughes, the republican nominee:

"Mr. Hughes has shown in his career the instinct of efficiency, which will guarantee that, under him, the government will once more work with vigor and force. He possesses that habit of straightforward thinking which means that his words will be correlated with his deeds and translated into facts. His past career is the warrant for our belief that he will be the unfaltering opponent of that system of invisible government, which finds expression in the domination of the party boss and the party machine. His past career is a guarantee that whatever he says before election will be made good by his acts after the election. Morally, his public record shows him to be a man of unbending integrity; intellectually, it shows him to be a man of original and trained ability. We have the alternative of continuing in office an administration which has proved a lamentable failure, or putting into office an administration which we have every reason to believe will function with efficiency for the interest and honor of our people. I earnestly bespeak from my fellow Progressives their ungrudging support of Mr. Hughes."

It is remarkable that the democratic platform of 1916 omits the declaration made in 1912 that "our pledges are made to be kept when in office as well as to be relied upon during the campaign." What a shout of laughter would have arisen all over the country if that assurance had been repeated in 1916.

THE Observer, a weekly democratic paper published at St. Joseph and supported almost wholly by liquor and beer advertising, is the official mouthpiece of Con Roach, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. Last week the Observer carried a double column cut and advertisement of Roach surrounded by eleven columns of whiskey, beer and saloon advertising.

ONE thing the republicans of Missouri like about Walter S. Dickey is that he has always been willing to serve the party needs and has cheerfully borne its burdens and consistently fought its battles without being constantly and habitually a claimant on its bounty. The party is always glad to get an opportunity to vote for a high-class man like that, who has proven his patriotism and whose devotion to the cause is real and unselfish.

WORD comes from Washington that the president will be in no hurry to name a successor to Judge Hughes. We all know what that means. It means that, after studying the political situation as it develops from day to day, after weighing the chances of his reelection, after finding that particular portion of the country which is most likely to be placated by such an appointment, after learning just what group of voters is most likely to be flattered or seduced by the naming of one of them to the bench—in short, after finding wherein lies the most political and personal advantage to himself, the president will name another supreme court justice accordingly.

THROUGH letters, news dispatches and reports from all parts of the country, it is evident that practically all former members of the progressive party are now back in the republican ranks. Even before the Chicago convention, it was apparent from registrations of voters in several states, and from primary elections, that nearly all the rank and file of the progressives had returned to their party affiliation. A few of the former progressive leaders were still holding out, but since the nomination of Hughes, even these have given up hope of a future for the Bull Moose party, and have united with their old time political associates in the effort to drive an incompetent administration out of power.

How To Obtain Good Earth Roads

It is frequently assumed that good roads can be had only by obtaining some sort of hard surface. While a hard surface is desirable, yet good roads can be obtained by proper construction and maintenance of earth surfaces. This has been demonstrated in various localities of the state.

In the construction of the earth road three important problems are involved: First, establishing the best possible location; second, providing adequate drainage, structures; and third, completing the necessary grading.

Proper maintenance of earth roads can be accomplished in two ways, according to a bulletin on "Earth Roads and the Oiling of Roads," issued by the engineering experiment station at the university of Missouri. First, by the use of the road drag. The drag should be used soon after a rain, but not until the ground has lost its stickiness sufficiently to allow the material to slide along the face of the drag. Injury can be done to the road if dragged when either too dry or too wet. A well dragged road will be free from mud and ruts in winter and from dust in summer. The cost of maintaining earth roads by dragging is about \$2.50 per mile per year in the middle west. Second, by the proper selection and use of road oils.

There are two types of oil on the market. One of these types has an asphalt base which serves as a binder on the road as soon as the lighter oil evaporates, while the other has a paraffin base and is to all intents a lubricating oil. The latter kind is not binding and leaves the road musty and sticky.

In applying the oil, warm weather should be selected, the loose dust removed from the center of the road by means of hand push-brooms. Before applying the oil the road should be harrowed so as to loosen the surface, permitting the oil to saturate the road bed. The loose dirt should then be spread over the oiled surface and the road rolled, thus completing the oiling process.

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Sat., July 8, 1916

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